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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG TO MACAU

REF: A. GENEVA 12348; B. STATE 206673

- 1. JAEGER CALLED MISSOFF AUGUST 17 TD REPORT ON FIELD RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF MACAU REPORTED REF A
- 2. JAEGER STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UNHCR REPS IN HONG KONG AND KUALA LUMPUR AND THAT THE BASIC PROBLEM WAS ONE OF IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT AND ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS IN MACAU. WHILE JAEGER'S MESSAGE WAS NOT OVERLY PRECISE, HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH SOME BASIC STRUCTURES ON MACAU EXISTED, MANY REQUIRED RENOVATION OR ALTERATION BEFORE THEY WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR USE BY REFUGEES. EXISTING ACCOMMODATIONS, HE ASSERTED, ARE LARGELY UTILIZED; HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT EVERY BED WAS FILLED. HE ADDED THAT FATHER LANCELOT IS NOW ENGAGED IN TRYING TO ESTIMATE THE COST OF PREPARING THESE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR REFUGEE USE.
- 3. JAEGER APOLOGIZED FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND TO MISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EARLIER, BUT EXPLAINED DELAY WAS CAUSED BY SUDDEN ILLNESS OF RESPONSIBLE UNHER HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL (HORDIJK). HE UNDERTOOK TO GIVE MISSION FURTHER.UPDATE ON SITUATION EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT WHOLLY SATISFIED WITH JAEGER'S RE-SPONSE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN HONG KONG'S VIEWS ON SITUATION IN MACAU. OUR FEELING IS THAT JAEGER WAS GIVING US A "HOLDING" REPLY UNTIL HE CAN DIG FURTHER INTO SUBJECT WITH CARPENTER AND SAMPATKUMAR. SORENSON

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